

Invitation from beautiful Belgium!



Zonta District 27

Conference 1-2-3 October 2021

LEUVEN & BRUSSELS - BELGIUM





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WELCOME

TO THE 14TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT 27

In January we decided to organize an electronic District Conference. We wondered how Zonta would prosper in 2021? And how we could stay connected in friendship based on our common ideals?

We told you we could do this by embracing technology! We promised you that we want to bring all Zontians together for the Zonta Business and feel the Zonta Friendship and connection and experience FUN moments with an electronic conference. Zonta could be in the living room of Zontians who have never been to a Zonta Conference before.

The District Conference 2021 starts here!

The district board and the conference team have fulfilled all these promises. The program will be slightly different from what we are used to, but the frame is partially the same. Candidates for elections will present themselves in a short clip or PowerPoint. Voting for elections will be during the week preceding the conference. Voting for district rules, resolutions and reports will be as usual on Saturday morning. One thing is sure; it will be an innovative way of doing Zonta business.

Besides the Zonta on Tour cyclists, Zonta Waasland organizes 'The Zonta Walk' challenge: all Zontians of our District can connect on Strava to participate in the challenge wherever they are. We also invited interesting keynote speakers on the theme 'Education, key to empowerment', but we have kept the time slots limited so that we don't have to sit in front of the computer all day.

**We promised you it would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience!
We kept our promise. So here we are, and check it out!**

Ann Haets

Governor 2020-2022
District 27



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Meet your Belgian hostesses for our District 27 Conference in October 2021: Zonta Club Zavel Brussels & Zonta Club Leuven. Two beautiful cities that breathe history and are known for their universities. A perfect link with Zonta's vision that attaches great importance to education and learning.

Education, Key to Empowerment

MEET & GREET OUR CONFERENCE TEAM



Ann Naets
Governor District 27
2020-2022



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PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SAT 25.09.21

11:15 - 12:15

First Timers Session

14:00 - 15:00

**Open Forum of Zonta proposals
for all voting members**

25.09 - 29.09

**Presentation of candidates and
electronic election of District Board**
The candidates' presentations will be
available on the Conference event site
from September 1st until the end of
the month.



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRI 01.10.21

17:00 - 19:00

Opening Ceremony

Welcome by the District Governor, the Conference Chair and the International Liaison

Welcome by Mohamed Ridouani,
Lord Mayor of Leuven

**Keynote Speaker Assita Kanko,
Member of the European Parliament**

Celebration of the international award
and scholarship winners

Arrival of the 'Zonta on Tour' cycling
team.



Mohamed Ridouani



Assita Kanko





SAT 02.10.21

**Keynote speaker Dr. Nancy Vermeulen on
"The Sky is NOT Your Limit"**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SAT 02.10.21

- 09:00 - 10:00** **Business Session**
- 10:00 - 10:15** Break
- 10:15 - 12:15** **The sky is NOT Your Limit**
Keynote speaker Dr. Nancy Vermeulen
Q&A moderated by Dr. Bianca Schuchardt,
Amelia Earhart Fellow
- 12:15 - 13:45** Bring your own lunch, in breakout rooms

SUN 03.10.21

- 09:30 - 10:30** **Open Forum**
Planning for the Long Term Future of
Zonta International (Resolution 2)
- 10:30 - 10:50** **Memorial Service**
- 10:50 - 11:00** Break
- 11:00 - 11:50** **Business Session & Closing Ceremony**

SIDE PROGRAM

29.09.21 - 01.10.21

The roots of the Zonta Cycling Team lie with Griet De Prycker (Governor 2016-2018). In 2013 she sparked the idea to participate in a 1000 km cycling event to raise funds for cancer research. The concept was an immediate success!

Given all our joy and enthusiasm when cycling, Griet suggested we jump on our bike to the District Conference in 2015 to Metz. And so we did! In 2017 the Cycling team was present at the District Conference in Berlin and in 2019 the trip went to Dijon.

Currently we are in full preparation for Leuven 2021. To support our team, in July we will start selling 1,000 pairs of trendy, colourful socks printed with 'Focus on the sun'.

The proceeds will go to Zonta International Foundation.



ZONTA ON TOUR

This year the kick-off starts in Bruges (Belgium) on Tuesday September 28th and we arrive in Leuven on Friday October 1st, after 300 km on our bikes.

Our team counts 39 cyclists and 8 supporters who assist us with luggage, supplies and breakdowns along the way. A nice, sporty group of Zontians from 15 different clubs from area 05, atmosphere guaranteed!

We are all looking forward to arriving in our brand new 'Focus on the sun' cycling outfit!

Leuven here we come!



ZONTA CYCLING TEAM LEUVEN 2021

Here we come!
Focus on the sun!



SIDE PROGRAM

19.09.21 - 30.09.21

Did your children go to school? Of course!
Do 12 year old girls in Madagascar attend school? Probably not...

Although for disadvantaged children, education can be their way out of poverty, they often don't get the chance to go to school. Especially girls are often denied the right to an education.

If they do get the chance to attend school, they often have to make a big effort to get there. Some children have to walk 10 km a day to get to school and back.

We are looking forward to hiking for education and to fighting poverty together!

ZONTAWALK
Hiking for education to fight poverty



ZONTAWALK

Do you want to help Zonta Club Waasland to create awareness about the right to education? Then participate in the 'ZONTAWALK' !

From 19th till 30th of September we challenge all Zontians to accompany a girl to school (10 km a day).

The full amount, raised by this virtual walking challenge, will be donated to the 'Let us Learn Madagascar' project.

For all the practical details follow 'Zontawalk' on Facebook & Instagram.



SIDE PROGRAM

01.10.21 - 03.10.21

During the conference we will organize short and fun interludes. Between each official session we show a short video about our host cities Leuven and Brussels.

Pay attention! After each video, a question will appear for you to answer. At the end of the conference we will check who answered the most questions correctly.

And the winner is.... ?

The winner will receive a wonderful prize donated by our sponsor Diam Arts, specializing in fine jewelry and gemstones.



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DIAMOND RALLY

The Diamond Rally will be held during the conference from Friday till Sunday.

After each official session there will be a small video with a quiz question. Write down all the answers and then you will have a chance to win the grand prize: a beautiful pink gemstone.

All participants who are officially registered for the conference can participate in the Diamond Rally.

There is a sparkling beautiful light pink gemstone waiting for our winner.

GOOD LUCK LADIES!

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**DO YOU WANT TO WIN
THIS PINK BEAUTY?**

PARTICIPATE IN OUR ONLINE RALLY!

REGISTRATION

www.zontad27-conference2021-leuven.org

We are happy to announce that you can register for our District 27 Conference starting from Monday the 28th of June 2021. All Zontians are welcome and behind the scenes we are working very hard to make this electronic edition a fantastic and heart-warming edition. Looking forward to meeting you!

After your registration, you will receive a link to participate in our electronic conference. What do you need? It's simple: a laptop with internet connection or a smartphone. That's it! And of course your favorite coffee. Sit back, relax and enjoy our virtual meeting.

Doors for registration are open from 28.06.2021.

We would like to thank our partners & sponsors:



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